Funding Programme for Voluntary sector

2645. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Indian Express of 9th July, 1992 titled "Planning Commission patronage fund issue gains momentum";

(b) what were the compulsions behind mooting this idea;

(c) whether such activities are likely to dilute the role of the Planning Commission;

(d) whether this Scheme is a mere duplication of functions of other Ministries; and

(e) if not, what are the points of distinction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (e) Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem. The news Report is misleading Since 1962 the Planning Commission has been giving financial support to academic institutions, research bodies and voluntary agencies for research and training work. Some assistance has also been provided for institution development and for strengthening of planning machinery since 1972. During the Eighth Plan it has been decided to revamp the scheme for decentralised planning and to involve voluntary agencies in key sectors of planning so as to make plan implementation participatory in nature With this project in view three schemes are under examination. It is proposed to launch an experiment of micro- level participatory planning with the full involvement of people and peoples institutions in 150 blocks during the first year of the Eighth Plan. The requirement of funds is being worked out.

There is no duplication of effort bewteen what the planning Commission is doing and what the other Ministries are doing. There is a basic difference between the programme oriented approach of the diffrent Ministries from the institution building approach of the Planning Commission. The focus is on the improvement of the delivery system through creation of self-reliant and self-managed people's institutions. All these steps are being taken to implement the approach accepted by the Government to enhance people's participation in planning. The activities being undertaken by the Planning Commission are in line with the functions of the planning Commission as laid out in the Eighth Plan document.

Performance of States in Implementing the 20-Point Programme

2646. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the name of the State which has toped in the implementation of the 20-Point Programme during last year; and

(b) what are the indicators on which such evaluation is done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Tamil Nadu.

(b) The percentage achievement of targets by the States as well as their relative performance vis-a-vis the average national performance under 19 selected item of the 20-Point Programme from the basis on which the States are ranked. A list of these 19 selected items is enclosed as Statement.